

ACT

• **12/11-17/12 ACT Branch meeting.** 5:30pm, NLA, Mezzanine Room. (12/11; 17/12). Contact: Lisa Spillers, ph 02 6249 3388, Lisa.Spillers@anu.edu.au.

• **13/11-11/12 ACT Special Libraries section.** Librarian's libations join the Specials on the first payday of every month, come along to the Hyatt, at 5:30pm. (13/11; 11/12). Contact: Libby Coates, ph 02 6266 2346.

• **19/11 ACT Branch.** Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, will be the guest of honour at a reception at the Woden Public Library. 6-7pm, all members welcome. Contact: Kerry Webb, ph 6230 1425, kwebb@alianet.alia.org.au. RSVP required by 16/11.

• **20/11 ACT Cataloguers section and Australian Society of Indexers (ACT Region).** Discussion on Metadata from a cataloguer's and indexer's point of view. NLA, Training Room A/B, 4th floor, 12:15pm. Contact: Cheryl Bowman, ph 02 6252 6066, cheryl.bowman@abs.gov.au.

• **28/11 ACT Branch.** Christmas function and AGM. For further information contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph 02 6268 8120, e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au.

• **28/11 ACT Special Libraries section.** AGM and breakfast. Hotel Kurrajong, 7 for 7:15am. Booking required. Contact: Sheila Keightley, ph 02 6266 2258, fx 02 6266 2556, sheila.keightley@b-m.hr-m.defence.gov.au.

• **28/11 ACT UCRLS section.** AGM and lunch. Speaker: Lynn Hard, Librarian, ADFA on Memoirs of an Amnesiac. ANU University House, Scarth Room, 12 for 12:15pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au.

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• **Nov Hunter Regional group meeting.** Reports from the Library Technician conference. Newcastle Campus Library — HIT. For further details contact: Mrs Judith McLean, ph 02 4926 7267, fx 02 4926 7324.

• **1/11 NSW School Libraries section.** Role on the Internet. Monte Sant Angelo College, 128

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The book that built a building

What can I say that will do justice to a project like *Novocastrian tales*? Authors, publishers, printers, the media, corporations, retailers et al have all donated time and talent to this laudable cause in partnership with local Aboriginal people. The Hunter Region has produced many models for Australia in the industrial sense, but here is a model of reconciliation in action.'

The Honourable E G Whitlam, AC, QC

Novocastrian Tales (Elephant Press, Paul F Walsh, Ed, ISBN 0 646 32308 3) is a bi-centenary gift for the people of Newcastle and the Hunter region, and spans the history of Newcastle and the Hunter from before white settlement to the future through a rare blend of documents, fiction, faction, poetry, and pure entertainment.

Authors include Phillip Adams, John Bell, Julian Croft, John Doyle (also known as Ram-paging Roy Slaven), Nick Enright, Judith Fox, Marion Halligan, Nigel Krauth, Donna Meehan, Les Murray, John O'Donoghue, Mickey Robins, Yahoo Serious, Michael Stephens, Kate Walter and Paul F Walsh. The preface is by E G Whitlam.

All proceeds from *Novocastrian tales* are being donated to the establishment of an

Aboriginal accommodation centre in the bushland of Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital. Yallarwah home will provide accommodation for the families of Aboriginal patients who are in health crisis. Yallarwah Home will serve all the Aboriginal communities of Northern New South Wales. It is believed to be the first establishment of its kind in Australia.

For every dollar raised by sales of *Novocastrian tales* the New South Wales State Government has pledged to contribute a further three dollars to the building of Yallarwah Home, up to a ceiling of \$300 000. The building will cost \$420 000. *Novocastrian Tales* will be the book that built a building when twelve thousand copies are sold nationally.

Novocastrian tales can be purchased for \$14.95 RRP from the ABC Shop, or \$14.95 plus \$6.50 postage and handling from the ABC mail order service, telephone 1300 360111, fax 1300 360150, or visit the web site at <http://www.abc.net.au/abcshop/>. Orders and purchases should be made prior to Christmas 1997.

Novocastrian tales was awarded a special State Award by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1997. ■

Link-up newsletter now replaced by electronic discussion list

The National Library of Australia's publication *Link-up* has been replaced by an electronic mailing list due to receive its first postings at the end of September.

The linkup-I discussion list is designed to foster net-working at the grassroots level among libraries concerned with service provision in the special interest areas of cultural diversity, literacy and disability. As well as creating a forum for discussion, it will host occasional 'news releases' in the

form of specifically commissioned articles. In addition, an archive on the National Library of Australia's World Wide Web server is being developed for some of the list contributions.

Joining instructions are uncomplicated. Just send an e-mail message to listserv@nla.gov.au and include only the following words as a separate line in the body of the message: subscribe linkup-I <your full name> example: subscribe linkup-I Katy Bramich. Note: that I = 'el' not 'one'; and

please do not include a signature file in message.

A full list of commands understood by the National Library of Australia's listserv is available by sending an e-mail with only the word 'help' in the body of the message to the same address.

Katy Bramich will answer any questions you have. She can be contacted by phone 02 6262 1537, on facsimile 02 6273 4493 or via e-mail kbramich@nla.gov.au ■